

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following is a complete listing of the claims in this application, reflects all changes currently being made to the claims, and replaces all earlier versions and all earlier listings of the claims:

Claims 1-3. (Canceled)

Claim 4. (Currently Amended) A communication apparatus adapted to perform ring-type multiple-address ~~transfer~~ transmission, said apparatus comprising:

a memory, arranged to store ~~received~~ image data;

a reception unit, arranged to receive image data and store the received image data to said memory;

a transmission ~~transfer~~ unit, arranged to ~~transfer~~ transmit image data and the received image data stored in said memory;

an identification unit, arranged to identify whether or not the received image data is data assigned to be subjected to ring-type multiple-address transfer; and

a processor arranged to cause the transmission of the image data with image sender information added thereto as being used as a transmitter when the start of ring-type multiple-address transfer is selected, or the transmission of the received image without image sender information added thereto as being used as a repeater station when the transfer of ring-type multiple-address transfer is selected.

a processor switching to transfer the received image with image information added thereto or to transfer the received data without adding image information in accordance with whether the ring-type multiple-address transfer is performed or not;
_____ wherein the transmitter information is added to the received image data as image data.

Claims 5-8. (Canceled)

Claim 9. (Currently Amended) A communication method performing ring-type multiple-address ~~transfer~~ transmission, said method comprising the steps of:

storing ~~received~~ image data in a memory;

receiving image data and storing the received image data to the memory;

transferring transmitting image data and the received image data stored in said ~~the~~ memory;

identifying whether or not the received image data is data assigned to be subjected to ring-type multiple-address transfer; and

transmitting the image data with image sender information added thereto as being used as a transmitter when the start of ring-type multiple-address transfer is selected, or transmitting the received image without the image sender information added thereto as being used as a repeater station when the transfer of ring-type multiple-address transfer is selected.

_____ switching to transfer the received image with image information added thereto or to transfer the received data without adding image information in accordance with whether the ring-type multiple-address transfer is performed or not;

_____ wherein the transmitter information is added to the received image data as image data.

Claim 10. (Canceled)